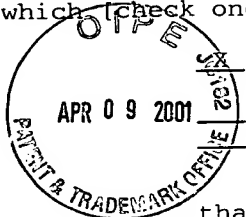


DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND POWER TO INSPECT

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare:

that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below
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that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled: **ISOLATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS**, the specification of which [check one(s) applicable]



was filed December 14, 2000 as United States Application Serial No. 09/736,632;

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that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and

that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Rule 56(a) [37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)].

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<u>Prior U.S. Appln No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u> <u>Day/Mon/Year</u>	<u>Status</u> <u>Pending-Patented-Abandoned</u>
09/586,009	02-06-2000	Pending

Insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Rule 56(a) [37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)] which occurred between the filing date of the prior U.S. application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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<u>Prior Foreign Application(s)</u> <u>Appln No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u> <u>Day-Mon-Year</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u> <u>Yes - No</u>
PCT/GB98/03602	International	04-12-1998	Yes
9725839.6	Great Britain	06-12-1997	Yes
9815541.9	Great Britain	17-07-1998	Yes

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